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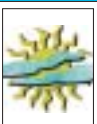

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High		Low
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83°		60°

Civilians celebrate U.S. soldiers

Spc. Adam Nuelken

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – What started as a trip from the center of Baghdad to northern Baghdad to retrieve graphics from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team headquarters April 10, turned into something more surreal than ever expected.

The mission to retrieve the graphics was changed in route because the soldiers were needed to help control hordes of civilians – overly enthusiastic civilians.

“The battalion commander was establishing a blocking position and due to the large civilians, it requested additional manpower,” according to 1st Lt. Jeffrey Cline, liaison officer for Task Force 2-69 Armor. “I was expecting them to be fairly happy with us being there, but I wasn’t expecting them to be so excited.”

The civilians initially waved, gave “thumbs-up” and cheered for the soldiers, but after only a few minutes, they encircled them to offer thanks.

“A lot of them didn’t come out to beg, even though they were hungry and thirsty, they wanted to thank us,” said Spc. Richard Edwards, a tanker with Headquarters Company, Task Force 2-69 Armor. “I didn’t expect everyone to be as happy as they were”

The Iraqis also had many questions ranging from questions on what there future held and general background information about the soldiers.

“They wanted to know if Bush or Blair were going to be their president . I told them ‘no,’ and they asked ‘who would be?,’” Cline, a

Centreville, Va. native, added. “I said ‘you will now have the freedom to pick him yourself.”

Along with the concern of the president, the Iraqis were asking ages and where soldiers were from. When one soldier replied he was from Texas the crowd screamed and chanted George Bush.

But with all the happiness the horde of hundreds of civilians, the desolate lifestyle they lived in could not be ignored – children without proper clothing, people coming to the soldiers for medical aid and others so thin, it was obvious they didn’t have enough to eat.

“First (people around the world) didn’t want us coming here, but they didn’t see these people – the kids running around without shoes on, little boys wearing their older sisters clothing because the family didn’t have enough to by him clothes. I have a 10-year-old brother, and I could never imagine him living like this,” Edwards, a Port Richey, Fla. native, said. “I thought since this was the capital, they would be more economically stable, but they are still pretty poor out here.”

Edwards gained a lot of popularity from the crowd from signing autographs, which the crowd went berserk for, to singing Queen’s “We Will Rock You,” which the crowd chanted wildly.

“Ninety-nine point nine percent of the people were out here cheering for us,” Edwards added. “It made you know they wanted you

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Spc. Adam Nuelken

An Iraqi civilian takes a second to shake the hand of and thank Spc. Richard Edward, a tanker with Headquarters Company, Task Force 2-69 Armor, for what the U.S. forces have done in liberating Iraq.

Fallen helicopter crew remembered at memorial ceremony in Iraq

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3ID (M) PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq– Soldiers from 4th Brigade remembered the pilots and crew of a downed aircraft from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment during a memorial ceremony held in their honor at Baghdad International Airport April 12.

Capt. James Adamowski, commander, Chief Warrant Officer Erik Halvorsen, company senior instructor pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Eric Smith, company instructor pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Scott Jamar, night command and control pilot, Sgt. Michael Pederson, crew chief, and Spc. Mathew Boule, crew chief, died when their UH-60

Blackhawk was lost flying back from a mission north of the Karbala Gap April 2.

“(They) represented the best that the profession of arms has to offer,” said Lt. Col. Howard Ferguson, commander, 2-3 Aviation.

“They were the best of the best and upheld our traditions with pride and professionalism. We know that they are in a better place and they will be guiding us to maintain mission focus,” he said.

The entire brigade gathered for the ceremony, which was held at sundown inside one of the hangars on the airfield west of Baghdad. A picture, a pair of boots, a rifle, identification tags and flight helmets were assembled for each

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“Train as we fight”:

Doctrine pays off for 3ID soldiers in combat

Master Sgt. Emma Krouser

3rd Inf. Div. PA NCOIC

BAGHDAD, Iraq— Battle-focused training is based on the concept that soldiers should train in peace, as they would fight in war.

Marne Division soldiers go through various training exercises to hone their skills. Units use command post exercises like Warfighter, field training exercises like Marne Focus, and further fine-tune their skills against an “armed” enemy at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

All of this training has paid off for the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.). The soldiers are engaged in hostilities with what most people call Iraq’s ‘elite Republican Guard’ forces and defeating them at their own game, on their own territory.

“I’m the guy that supervises training for all of this,” said Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, assistant division commander for maneuver. “I’ve seen every unit train during the day, at night, in the heat and

the cold.”

“So when I say that these soldiers do exactly in combat what they’ve done in training, I’m pretty confident I know what I’m talking about because I’ve seen them in all kinds of conditions, he added.”

“The division was put through harsh training to toughen them mentally and toughen them for the battles ahead,” said Maj. Gen. Buford Blount, commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). “The soldiers are prepared for either quick victory or a tough fight. We’re prepared for both.”

The division has focused on urban operations training for more than a year. While in the Kuwaiti desert, soldiers put that training to the test at quarry sites and shoot houses.

Each brigade combat team completed training at every level from squad to platoon, company, battalion and brigade. Training in military operations in urban terrain (house-to-house fighting) is a

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4/87th spearheads training for Rerserve Component units

Staff Sgt. Paul M. McGuire

87th Division (Training Support) PA

With the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) deployed overseas, one might think this would be a good place to enjoy some quite solitude amid the pines and moss-draped oaks that blanket this south Georgia post – home of the “Rock of the Marne.”

One would be wrong. That’s because soldiers still abound here. The only difference is that most of them don’t wear the diagonally striped patch of the 3rd Inf. Div.

As a major regional mobilization site for Army Reserve and National Guard units, Fort Stewart is teeming with troops preparing for deployment or other operations.

As recently as mid-March, there were 81 units on the ground involved in some phase of mobilization, whether in-processing, training, or readying equipment for movement. For most units, this process takes about two weeks. The biggest slice of that time is devoted to training.

Spearheading the training effort is 4th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support), which is headquartered at Fort

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Staff Sgt. Paul M. McGuire

Sgt. 1st Class Armando Cruz, 1/306, 4th Bde., gives a class on how to render first aid for an abdominal wound.

3rd BCT soldiers on point in Baghdad



Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken

Maj. John Seagars, executive officer for Task Force 2-69 Armor, walks the streets of Baghdad while his tank patrols to his right.



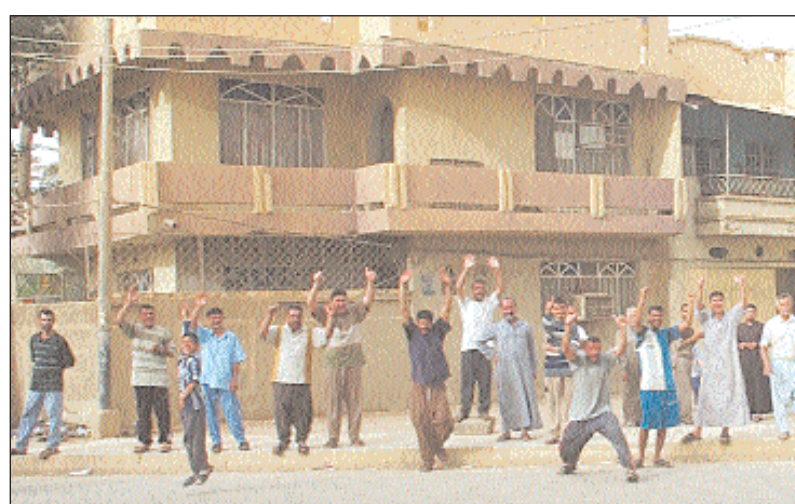
(Above) A soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team sits atop his Bradley Fighting Vehicle inside Baghdad.

(Left) A building at the Arab Petroleum Training Institute burns while a Bradley Fighting Vehicle from C Company, 1/15 Infantry with Task Force 2-69 Armor, pulls security. The flames were put out by the Task Force before the building was destroyed.



(Above) A soldier with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team uses blood soaked sandbags for cover as his unit patrols and secures the streets of Baghdad.

(Below) Iraqi civilians in Baghdad revel in the arrival of U.S. forces liberating Iraq. The crowds cheered "George Bush!" and "America!"



1st Lt. Derrick Pray, chemical officer for Task Force 2-69 Armor, looks through a children's book about Saddam Hussein's "military career" at what used to be an elementary school for boys.

3220th MPs “protect and serve” Hunter

Pfc. Emily Danial

Hunter Public Affairs

Who are the first people everyone sees upon arrival at Hunter Army Airfield, or any military post, for that matter?

Why, it’s Military Police, of course! No post could run smoothly without MPs, and in recent months, members of the 3220th MP Detachment have found a home at Hunter.

The detachment is part of a Reserve unit who arrived at Hunter in January to fill the shoes of deployed soldiers. Many of them had to get used to being MPs again, as with any non-active duty soldiers whose civilian jobs and military jobs are completely different.

“I’m in senior management,” said Master Sgt. Marc Seagrave, the unit’s noncommissioned officer of operations, “but when I joined the Army as an MP, my intent was to become a police officer as a civilian as well. My focus changed, though, to improving my education, so I decided not to pursue a law enforcement career.”

Seagrave said only eight of the 37 reserve MPs now at Hunter are police officers when they are not on Army Reserve status, and that has made it easier for those who are not.

“They’ve been able to teach us a lot,” he said, “They bring real-life experience to the job.”

However, according to Seagrave, only 15 percent of MP work is actual law enforcement.

“That’s the main difference between MPs and civilian police officers,” he said. “The majority of an MP’s job is combat support, not law enforcement.”

Seagrave said the attitude within the unit is good. “(Although) the majority of the MPs here were also here for a year right after 9/11, I have not had any complaints from any soldiers about being here.”

The transition was very smooth, he said, from civilian jobs and lives to being MPs 24 hours a day.

“Active duty has been very accommodating,” said Seagrave. “The biggest challenge has just been seeing to it that soldiers get time off, adequate training, are integrating into their new environment well ... it takes work.”

Seagrave, who has been in the Army for more than 20 years, three of which he spent as an active duty soldier, said the military’s organization and structure became a notable part of his life, and have even influenced the way he does his civilian job, although perhaps on a different scale.

“I have 300 people working under me (as a civilian),” he said, “and only 50 under me in the military ... it’s an adjustment. But we do train to do this every month, so transition isn’t that bad.”

Sgt. Adam Lin, a 3220th MP from West Palm Beach, Fla., agreed with Seagrave.

“Everything’s gone really smoothly,” said the 25-year-old, who works as a manager at Blockbuster when not on active duty. “The food could be better ... wait, are you going to print that?”

Don’t worry about that, Sgt. Lin, just help keep things running the way they are - smoothly and dependably - and know that you and your fellow MPs are greatly appreciated. And order take-out.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Sgt. Adam Lin, 3220th GSU, checks the identification at Hunter’s main gate



1st Lt. Amy Phillips

In Memory Of ...

Six pairs of boots, six rifles, six sets of identification tags and six Kevlar helmets line the front of the Hunter Army Airfield chapel to commemorate the loss of fallen soldiers from Hunter’s 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. Capt. James Adamouski, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Erik Halvorsen, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric Smith, Chief Warrant

Officer 2 Scott Jamar, Sgt. Michael Pedersen and Spc. Mathew Boule were honored and remembered in a memorial service held April 9. Family and friends as well as a number of additional Hunter soldiers attended, and remarks were given by Chaplain (Maj.) John Foxworth and others from the fallen soldiers’ unit.

Fort Stewart scholarships

Staff Report

The Fort Stewart Military Family Member Scholarship Awards ceremony was held Saturday at Brewton-Parker College in Hinesville.

Scholarships were given to 32 students in the Fort Stewart and Hinesville area, whom were either high school seniors, attending college or returning to college.

A selection committee reviews the applications and the scholarships are given out depending on the students’ school transcripts, community service, letters of recommendation, an essay on their future plans and how the world events are affecting their plans, and American College Test and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, said Dee Haas, scholarship committee chair.

The Fort Stewart Military Family Member Scholarship Awards are held every year around April or May, she said.

The money for the scholarships is donated from businesses and members of the community, Haas said.

Dr. Nancy Franklin, professor at Brewton-Parker College, donated \$1,000 and gave scholarships to three students of Brewton-Parker College, she said.

First Command Financial Planning donated \$2,000 and gave \$1,000 scholarships to two students, she said.

Kyle Luedtke, recipient of the First Command Financial Planning \$1,000 scholarship, said, she is excited to receive a scholarship since college is expensive and every bit helps.

Scholarship Awardees

Veanessa Jones, \$1,000
Helen Sterling, \$1,000
Erica Miller, \$1,000
Alisha hunter, \$750
Jonathan Tadunske, \$750
Jamie Bush, \$650
Leighann Torrance, \$650
Ashley Cameron, \$500
Christy Curry, \$500
Crystal Gibson, \$500
Phillip Wright II, \$500
Lisa Gacheru, \$500
Rochelle Crocket, \$350
Gracen Heath, \$350
LaTonya Jackson, \$350
Donna Lee, \$350
Lenissa Byrne, \$350
Katrinna Brown, \$300
Gricelia Gonzales, \$300

Kristina Knights, \$300
Stephanie Newton, \$300
Loretta Potter, \$300
Lisa Williams \$300
Megan Weece, \$300
Lemma Negatu, \$300
Christina Sedor, \$650
Cheryl Szynal-Midgorden, \$350
Winners of the Dr. Nancy Franklin Scholarship:
Eddy Rodriguez, \$500
Michelle Novak, \$250
Letha Vinson, \$250
Winners of the First Command Financial Planning Scholarship:
Kara Anderson, \$1,000
Kyle Luedtke, \$1,000

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: Job isn't done yet

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III

3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general

Regime change in Iraq came quickly last week as the 1st Marine Division closed on the east side of Baghdad linking up with 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers on the west bank of the Tigris. Sensing that Saddam was no longer in power, jubilant Iraqis, suppressed for more than twenty years, took to the streets and celebrated while ridding the city of his statues and other icons from his repressive regime. However, war is not over yet. There are still small pockets of resistance, mostly hard-core terrorist — many of Syrian descent — that we are rooting out. While we defeated the Iraqi army and affected regime change, we now need to secure the peace.

I know you are anxious for word on our return. Frankly, so are we. But the job isn't done yet. The Marne Division is focused on Baghdad and our goal is to get life back to some normalcy for Iraqi citizens. To some extent life is getting back to normal. Traffic is beginning to fill the streets downtown and some shops and markets are opening. Our job is to ensure that continues and to help the Iraqi people begin to help themselves.

Unfortunately, some of the celebration turned to looting and rioting. Much of the looting was revenge against the secret police, Ba'ath Party headquarters and leadership, palaces and ministries that were at the heart of the oppressive regime. Some of the looting spilled over into commercial areas. Marne soldiers and Marines quickly took up positions to secure hospitals, the financial institutions, public works and large businesses that will be needed to rebuild this country. We currently control the west side of Tigris and soon we will take over supervision of the entire city as the Marines depart for other security missions.

There is no humanitarian disaster yet and the public utility problems the country is experiencing were not caused by war. Saddam Hussein's regime turned off the power and water. They used public

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works to control the populace. Areas of town that supported Saddam had power and water 24 hours daily, areas that did not support him, received rationed utilities about 8 hours daily. His former para-militaries that have not been rounded up yet have threatened former workers and their families if they assist coalition forces to restore power.

Our assurances of a safe and secure environment apparently are being trusted. To that extent, managers of the power grid and other utilities have come back to work and are assisting us although there is no government to pay them. We should be able to get the utilities restored in the next 10-12 days. Police are returning for joint patrols. People are pointing out remaining strong points of resistance, weapons caches, and providing intelligence of the whereabouts of the former regime.

Before the war I told the soldiers I was fully convinced that this was a just war and something needed to be done. Based on my observations after the war in and around Baghdad, I have seen nothing that demonstrates otherwise. Many citizens are beginning to look for loved ones in the prisons or evidence that might tell them their fate. The torture chambers and tales of torture at the hands of Saddam's secret police are beginning to be told. The opulent palaces are a vulgar display of greed in contrast to the ghettos where the neglect and suppression of the people was criminal.

I have had opportunity to get around to all the brigade sectors in the last week and assess the humanitarian needs. This is not a poor country. It has substantial natural resources and fertile farmland. We are working hard to get the distribution of food and resources moving, helping them keep hospitals open and delivering medical supplies donated from Kuwait. Our work is all oriented to helping set the conditions for the Iraqi people to govern



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Maj. Gen. Buford Blount, commanding general, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), speaks with Dr. Issim Khuleif of the Kasimir (formerly Saddam) University Hospital April 15 in Baghdad. Khuleif and Blount discussed a number of ways to resolve issues with the hospital's security and supply needs.

themselves.

We continue to increase amenities for the soldiers as our logistics mature in Iraq. Our first priority was to get the mail caught up and we are almost complete. Keep the mail flowing. Hot meals, including fruits and vegetables, are becoming regular at least once per day and will eventually be served twice daily. We will find quality foods on the local economy, checked by our doctors, that will supplement our meals. Next to arrive are quartermaster laundry and bath units for soldiers to get fresh clothes and a shower. Personal hygiene remains a daily requirement and the division has done well to avoid debilitating illnesses.

There was some question in the world before the war that the American soldier lacked the ability and stamina to sustain a long fight and withstand a substantial hit. In the face of superior numbers, American soldiers performed magnificently, maintaining their discipline while keeping their cool. Marne soldiers are dedicated and do not quit. They understand their job here isn't done yet and will remain focused on securing the peace until relieved. I am extremely proud of the division soldiers and will work to get them home as fast as possible, safely, when the job in Baghdad is done.

"Rock of the Marne!"

A great generation

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

50th PAD

When I used to reflect on all the conversations I'd had with combat veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, I was always amazed at their extraordinary stories of bravery and perseverance — their dedication to duty and their love of country at a time of war.

These were the men who set the standard for which we as soldiers live by today — the seven army values; Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless service, Honor, Integrity and Personal courage.

In recent years, some naysayers had all but written off the young men and women who happen to comprise today's fighting force. They've used terms like "lazy," "unmotivated," "lack of direction" and "soft." Here's a news flash for these "experts" — you were wrong.

Since March 20, I have bared witness to unfathomable acts of greatness by soldiers of all ages — in the face of fear, horror and loss. These soldiers have not buckled under the pressures of intense small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades, or lost their focus when their subordinates, peers and leaders lie lifeless beside them.

I have spent weeks with the different units and soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat

Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.). Most battalions in the 1st BCT have soldiers who've paid the ultimate price in the hopes of freeing the people of Iraq from an oppressive dictator.

One unit in particular is B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion.

On the morning of April 4, they came under attack from an estimated 100 Iraqi troops northeast of Baghdad International Airport. They were pinned down on Highway 8, suppressed by mortar fire, RPGs and AK-47s. Shortly after a mortar round struck one of their armored personnel carriers, wounding the three soldiers in it, the platoon sergeant of second platoon made a selfless and life-altering decision. He manned a .50 caliber machine gun and began suppressing the enemy, taking the enemy's focus off his soldiers and making himself their main target. Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith fired more than 400 rounds before he was fatally wounded. The enemy retreated shortly thereafter and no more B Company soldiers were injured. He had personally saved their lives.

Despite the loss of what his soldiers described as an "outstanding noncommissioned officer and leader who always looked out for his soldiers," B Company remained in the area, providing security for the next two days.

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On April 7, tragedy struck the men of B Company a second and third time. Less than 12 hours after being relieved from their security position, they were called on

again, this time to support the infantry by constructing hasty fighting positions and knocking down walls in outer Baghdad.

Later that afternoon, an armored combat earthmover, under the direction of Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid, Smith's replacement as platoon sergeant, knocked down a portion of wall running along Highway 8. On the other side of that wall were Iraqi soldiers, who immediately opened fire when the wall crumbled. Soldiers of B Company could only watch as an RPG was fired directly at Hollinsaid, killing him. They held their ground, maintained their focus and fought hard, killing and capturing many Iraqi troops, while sustaining no further casualties.

At 11:30 p.m., Pfc Jason Meyer, a driver for 1st Platoon, B Company, stood atop his APC, putting his vest on prior to pulling turret watch. Mistaken as an Iraqi soldier attempting to scale a wall to the front, he was fired on by an M1A1 Abrams tank with a 120-millimeter round. Though the round did not

impact his APC, the wall and armored combat earthmover it did hit sent shrapnel and concrete with such force that one fragment struck and killed him. Amid the dust and fear that followed the unexpected explosion, each soldier in the area maintained their composure, doing everything they could for that 20-year-old soldier, and each other.

I attended the memorial service that B Co. held for Smith, I spoke extensively with Hollinsaid before the mission, and I was atop the APC when Meyer was hit. I have felt the pain and experienced the horror that B Co. has endured. Though I can't begin to imagine what they, as brothers-in-arms, are going through.

Yet in spite of their losses, they continue to accomplish their missions and keep their chins up. They now fight for something that hits closer to home — the memory and honor of their fallen comrades.

This war has proven what I have known for long time: The soldiers of today's Army are loyal, dedicated, respectful, selfless, honorable, honest and courageous. They live by the Army's values, as did their predecessors. Those who doubt them should continue to bathe in their ignorance, for these soldiers have nothing to prove. Today's soldier has served and will continue to serve his country with pride and resolve. That's what makes this nation and this generation of soldiers great.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What is your favorite military post and why?



"Fort Sill, because it is the home of the Field Artillery."

1st Lt. Joseph DeLuca
282nd PSB



"Fort Bragg, because it is the best all-around post."

Pfc. Leroy Boone
HHC 2/124th



"Fort Bragg, it's big and it is not boring. There are a lot of activities."

Spc. Curtis Young
HHC 2/124th



"Fort Stewart, because it is the only other post besides Fort Dix that I have been to."

Sgt. 1st Class Audrey Dela Cruz
RTS Maintenance



"Fort Gordon, because there was a tight sense of unity and esprit de corps."

Sgt. Michael Thorn
Troop E, 31st Cavalry



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Realities of war focus Marne Red Legs

Spc. Thomas Nacey
Contributing Writer

NORTH OF AN NAJAF, Iraq — In the midst of strong winds and blinding sandstorms, which turned the sky blood-red at times, artillery specialists stayed focused on their role as war-fighters.

Soldiers of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment find some similarities and differences between the training they’ve received at Fort Stewart and the realities of the conflict in Iraq.

Missions to provide artillery fire come in spurts, sometimes every few minutes or sometimes every few hours. “There’s an adrenaline rush that’s not there in training, but the training prepares you to react quickly,” said Sgt. Douglas Melton, field artillery ammunition support vehicle crewmember.

The battery is made up of two-vehicle crews consisting of an M109A6 Paladin, a

heavy artillery vehicle, and a FAASV, which carries the Paladin’s 155mm rounds.

In a working environment no more than six square feet, the five-man Paladin crew awaits each fire mission from the battery’s fire direction center, the information-processing center of the battery. The FDC is responsible for keeping track of friendly and enemy troops on the battlefield and calculating the safety risks involved in each potential round fired.

“We take the data from the FDC, perform our crew drills, load the round, ram in the charge and fire,” said Sgt. Samuel D. Gamble, gunner with 1st platoon.

The fire direction officer, 2nd Lt. Mateo Chino for C Battery said, “My job mainly consists of safety, making sure we get rounds off as quickly as possible and as safely as possible, in training or in war.”

One soldier, however, was quick to make a distinction between training and real-world combat.

“I’d say it’s not like training. These are real bullets and real people,” said Spc. Bradley Wilson, driver with 1st platoon. “The past few days have been real hectic.”

A .50 caliber machine gun mounted on the back of the FAASV provides constant security for it’s sister vehicle, the Paladin.

“We play an important role as the last vehicle in the battery,” Melton said. “We

“I’d say it’s not like training. These are real bullets and real people.”

Spc. Bradley Wilson
Driver, 1st Platoon

Medical units join forces to treat prisoners, soldiers

Spc. Katherine Robinson
50th PAD

SOUTHERN IRAQ — Two medical units, one from Texas, one

from Utah, are working together to provide the best treatment possible not only to soldiers, but to the enemy.

The 566th Area Support

Medical Company from Fort Hood, Texas, together with the 934th Forward Surgical Team, a reserve unit out of Salt Lake City, Utah, provide medical support to both soldiers and enemy prisoners of war at the 3rd Military Police Battalion’s Division Central Collection Point for EPWs in Iraq.

Between the two units, a hospital is set up at the camp, which includes an operating room, intensive care unit, trauma room, x-ray and dental facilities and patient holding areas with mental health care capability and about 40 beds.

“We’re set up to take care of our troops, MPs, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers — everyone that’s here,” said Capt. Charlotte Lee, one of the 566th ASMC senior physicians from San Antonio.

The first medical aid prisoners receive when arriving at the EPW camps is at the 566th ASMC, where a team of three doctors, three physicians assistants and one trained registered nurse assess the patients, treat minimal wounds and heat injuries.

“We’re area support, so we have less equipment than (a regular sup-

port medical company) but we are more mobile,” she explained.

The trauma room, as well as x-ray and dental facilities are part of the ASMC.

Capt. Jason Revestir, the 566th dentist from Kaneohe, Hawaii, takes care of emergency dental work, such as chipped teeth and root canals.

In a mass casualty situation, Revestir would also serve as the triage officer, sorting out patients and sending them to the correct areas for treatment.

After being assessed at the ASMC, if patients need surgery, they go next door to the 934th FST.

“Critically wounded soldiers come here first and then we evacuate them to the rear echelon,” said Maj. Charles Floyd, an orthopedic surgeon with the FST from Bellevue, Idaho.

The primary purpose of the FST is to do lifesaving and limb-saving surgery, according to Maj. Rob Bass, a general surgeon from Lynchburg, Va. “We’re an FST that’s designed to do resuscitative or damage control surgery.

“We may not do the definitive operation,” he explained, “but we

stop the casualty from bleeding or dying and we evacuate them — if they are stable enough to do the definitive operation, then we’ll definitely do that.”

Bass said in many cases it’s best to stabilize the patients first, and then wait 24 to 48 hours before fixing the root problem, so the patient is less fragile.

After operations, patients go to the patient holding areas, a part of the ASMC.

The two basic reasons for staying in the patient holding area are either to recover from operations or to await evacuation, said Capt. Miko Watkins, the ASMC head nurse from Canaan, New Hampshire.

Although the hospital is prepared to treat whoever should need it, their primary mission is to treat EPWs, Bass said, and they have not seen very many serious injuries.

“So far we’ve been treating EPWs and the language barrier has been a challenge,” said Capt. Maureen Moye, an FST chief nurse from Idaho Falls Idaho.

“It’s been a challenge but we’re up to it.”



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Sgt. Randy Mehlert, a medical treatment NCO with the 566th, cleans up the trauma room of the field hospital at the EPW camp.

FISTers keep fire coming from front

Spc. Adam Nuelken

3d Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

"Field artillery is the 'King of Battle' — no one can do anything without us," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Dale, Jr., battalion fire support noncommissioned officer in charge with Headquarters Company, Task Force 2-69 Armor. "The tanks cannot secure objectives, the infantry cannot occupy ground until I have prepped that ground. They are very important to this battalion's role."

Before almost every operation and objective the 3rd Brigade has secured, the site was first prepped by either or both field artillery and close air support. By prepping the objective, the unit faces less opposition and is more likely to succeed.

"The fire support teams have been extremely effective within 2-69. Prior to 2-69 attacking 90 percent of their objectives, they were severely prepped with indirect fire to include multiple-launch rocket systems," Dale, a Sanford, Fla. native, added. "That is an invaluable asset because, as we approach these, we are finding the majority

of the objectives clear because they have run from the enemy."

The affects of the artillery fire don't fall on the shoulders of the tankers and infantrymen, but on the forward observers fighting alongside them in Bradley Fire Support Team Vehicles, M113s and humvees. And falling into the forward fight are also Air Force air liaison officers who help by bringing in close air support.

"An FO's main purpose in life is to call for and adjust indirect fire support assets to include mortars, field artillery, (air liaison officer) and close air support," Dale said. "With the majority of the fights, the ALO was part of my fire support guys, and have proved themselves extremely effective."

Timeliness is a major factor for the indirect fire, but with good observers and communication, accurate fires land within a few minutes.

"Out here we are probably averaging, with mortars having impact on the ground, within five minutes," Dale said. "With artillery, depending on the asset and the area it is, probably 10 minutes."

A major asset for the fire support

is close air support provided by the Air Force. CAS can be provided or even scheduled out to a few weeks ahead of time, but before it is used, it has to be approved.

The ground commander, the battalion commander for TF 2-69 Armor, decides if he wants close air support or a target softened by air support prior to moving to the objective. After the ground commander gives the order, the approval is passed to brigade, division, corps and Air Force approval, but the whole process only takes a few minutes.

"If you're in contact, and you are getting shot at, and you need it there, if there's an airplane around the station, you can get close air support in two to three minutes," said Airman 1st Class Erik Oquendo, tactical area command and control specialist with Headquarters Company, TF 2-69 Armor. "The most I've ever seen is 15 minutes with comm problems, but that was during a training exercise. Over here we have CAS everywhere."

Indirect fire support and close air support play a critical role in shaping



Spc. Adam Nuelken

An Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt prepares for close air support by drawing any ground fire. After the first A-10 draws any fire, a second flies in to bomb the targets.

the battlefield and prepping objectives prior to the task forces rolling in, proving their importance.

"Since we have air supremacy here, I would say it's greatly appreciated by the battalion. We can hit enemies all the way out to Baghdad. It's

stuff we don't even have to worry about and makes it easier on our tanks," said Oquendo, a Linben, NJ, native. "It's a great role in our operation. You can blow out anything, tanks buildings, and all it takes is just one pass."

'King of Battle' leads the way

Master Sgt. Emma Krouser

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs NCOIC

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq — "When you need something, call on the King of battle, whether it be light, smoke or death from above, you call on the King of battle." — excerpt from the Artillerymen's creed.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

M109A6 Paladins lay fire from Highway 1 in Iraq during the battle for Talil Airfield and a bridge crossing north of An Nasiriyah

Fire mission, fire mission! When the call from the fire direction center comes, the atmosphere in the Paladin Howitzer is charged with energy.

Each member of the four-person team goes about his mission to get rounds ready to go down range. Soldiers from B Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, got the call from the FDC, and everyone moved like clockwork. The number 1 man got the round, the gunner got the charge and the section chief was calling out information for to the driver to record on a DA Form 4513. The crew moved like a flawless, well-oiled cog in a wheel.

Once the battery FDC gets a call for a fire mission, they verify the data; make sure everything is right with the weather conditions and everything, and direction and elevation issues. They send it to the guns and it pops up on the section chief's automated fire control system. While the chief relays the data, both the number 1 man and gunner are listening so they get what's needed to get the round down range.

"When the team receives a fire mission from the FDC, it's gotta be quick, I think it's 30 seconds or less," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Walker, section chief. "While I'm repeating what's on the screen, the gunner and number 1 man already know what's coming down because they're looking at the screen, also. But I'm still saying it so my driver can record the information."

All the information required to get a round ready to go down range is received from the battery FDC who gets it from the battalion FDC. The battalion FDC decides what to get shot, what type of round, how many rounds they're going to shoot and which battery is going to shoot. That information is transmitted from the battalion FDC to the battery FDC in about 12 seconds. The battery FDC verifies the data and sends it to the guns in about 10 seconds.

"You hop and pop after a while. Down here on the gun line you hear of something called crew drills. That's the whole crew working together to accomplish that mission.

Everybody's gotta be clicking," said Sgt. Jawanza Mason, gunner. "I can't get in his way, he can't get in my way."

"I have to verify the crew chief, if he has to tell me to verify him, that's precious seconds lost. That's somebody down range who needs that round. If I'm getting in his way from getting a round up or everything is not clicking, people could get hurt," Mason said.

Each person on the team has to know what his specific mission is and carry it out in a few seconds to get the guns ready to shoot. The number 1 man gets the round, ensures the shell-fuse combination is correct. The gunner cuts the powder charge for the round. The section chief verifies that the fuse is tight.

"I get the round make sure the shell-fuse combination is correct, ram it, prime it, but before I prime it, the gunner verifies the charge, puts the correct charge in, and closes the breach," said Sgt. Christopher Rose, number 1 man.

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3rd FSB keeps warfighters rolling along



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Sgt. John Joslyn, a metal worker with B Co., from welds a cracked water buffalo.

Spc. katherine Robinson

50th PAD

SOUTHERN IRAQ — They need the bullets, they need the fuel and they need the beans,” said Maj. Daniel Schnock, 3rd Forward Support Battalion executive officer.

The 3rd FSB provides all the things soldiers need to live and fight to the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

“Our mission is to provide support to the 1st BCT and any other units that fall into our area,” said Schnock, a Baltimore native.

The supplies reach the 1st BCT soldiers in a variety of ways, and each company in the battalion plays its role.

A Company provides food, water, fuel, ammunition and Class IX repair parts, according to A Co. commander Capt. Stephen Collins, from Watervliet, N.Y.

The unit picks up the supplies from the 703rd Main Support Battalion and pushes them forward to issue them.

“It’s a big team effort. Each battalion task force is providing cargo vehicles to assist the mission in pushing supplies forward,” Collins said.

The company provides fuel to both unit fuelers and individual vehicles.

“That’s probably been the most important thing on the battlefield, other than bullets,” Schnock said. “We are constantly running our tankers up and down the roads to pull fuel from a higher headquarters and take it down to the BCT elements.”

There are also two Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units that are attached to 3rd FSB from 703rd MSB.

“Until (April 8) we had them in the Euphrates producing water,” Schock

explained.

Since then, the ROWPUs have been pushed forward to the airfield where the majority of the soldiers are, Collins added.

“We’re keeping one water asset here to provide bulk water inside the (Brigade Support Area),” he said. The bulk water is stored in 3,000-gallon storage units, which can be pumped into water buffalos. The repair parts come through the supply support activity.

“We’re the desert Wal-Mart,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Timothy McCarter, an A Co. supply system technician from Dothan, Ala. He said the company provides more than just basic food, fuel, ammo and repair parts. It also issues chemical lights, toilet paper, pens, paper and sundry packs containing items like soap and lotion to the units.

Food, water fuel and ammunition are all important, but the combat units also need to repair and maintain their equipment, and that’s where B Company comes in.

“My company provides direct support maintenance to 1st BCT,” said Capt. Gary D. Rowley, B Co. commander from Slidell, La. “We can fix anything from weed wackers to tanks. If it doesn’t fly, we can probably repair it.”

Each battalion task force has a maintenance support team working with it, equipped with a small amount of tools, so items can be fixed as far forward as possible, Rowley said.

“We do the bigger stuff ... anything they can’t fix within 24 hours.”

B Co. has the capability to evacuate vehicles, but Rowley said the battalion task forces are better equipped to do so, and B Co. focuses mainly on recovering

vehicles.

“We do recovery missions for hard equipment — like flipped over vehicles,” said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Vallade, B Co. 1st sergeant from Detroit, Mich.

But aside from fixing broken and battle-beaten wheel and track vehicles, B Co. also deals with weapons, night vision goggles, line replaceable units for tanks, power generation equipment, nuclear biological and chemical equipment and water purification equipment, Rowley said.

The battalion’s C Company is in a forward location, so a part of the 566th Area Support Medical Company stays with 3rd FSB to provide medical support.

“Here we take care of the trains of 1st BCT,” said Capt. Neil Hedden, a physician’s assistant from San Francisco. Though they primarily treat 1st BCT, Hedden said the unit will help anyone who needs it.

“We provide level one treatment plus level one patient hold,” he said. “We can keep people for up to 72 hours if they don’t have anything life-threatening.”

The 566th doesn’t only treat soldiers. Local civilians have come to the company with injuries and also received treatment.

With all the support that 3rd FSB provides for 1st BCT, the two units are dependant on each other to be successful, Schnock said.

“They’re the reason we’re here. Without them, of course, we would be in big trouble. So we’re here for them,” he explained. “But I can guarantee without us they couldn’t do their mission. They need the bullets, they need the fuel and they need the beans to continue to do their job. And they’re doing it well ... I love the 1st BCT.”

Train

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Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. 1st Class Anothony Jones, squad leader with C Company, Task Force 1-15 Infantry, covers his squad as they check a room while clearing a building east of Karbala.

technique soldiers may have to use.

“Given the fact of the situation we’re in right now, this is the point where all the training and all the rehearsals we’ve completed over the years come into play, said Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, division sergeant major. “Soldiers are still motivated. I tell them to stay motivated and keep fighting the bad guys, and continue to take care of their buddies and always maintain situational awareness.”

Enemy troops are engaging brigade combat teams from within city limits, shooting at soldiers from mosques and other religious and historic facilities.

“Prior to taking command of the division, Gen. (Eric) Shinseki, chief of staff of the Army, told me to get the division on a warfighting footing,” Blount said. “He told me to focus on fighting in a

desert environment. Fighting in urban terrain is a requirement and we’ve become very good at it.”

“We’re as well-trained as any unit in the Army with experienced leaders and the best equipment,” Blount added.

Leaders at all levels have taken extraordinary measures to ensure that soldiers are not taking unnecessary risks during combat operations. They are ensuring that weapons systems and vehicles are being maintained so they operate properly when needed. They ensure that soldiers rest when they have a little down time.

“I shouldn’t say that I’m surprised or amazed that junior leaders are stepping to the plate and doing a marvelous job of taking care of soldiers,” Kellman said. “Commanders are doing a great job in the way they’re fighting this battle. They’re doing things that

make sense and using risk management.

“We’re using all kinds of tools to mitigate unnecessary loss of life. We’ve been very successful in all the fighting we’ve done so far. I attribute that to outstanding leadership and training,” he said.

While enemy troops are currently engaged in guerilla- and terrorist-type fighting, they still prove no match for the dedicated, determined and well-trained Marne soldiers.

“We can’t let our guards down, there are still bad guys out there popping up out of the woods,” Kellman said. “We still have to be vigilant and provide security because we could get sniped at or ambushed at any time.”

“All of the brigades are doing great and they’re making me proud. The soldiers are doing great,” he added.

American casualties and KIA

Spc Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

NEAR AL MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq — Medical Evacuation helicopters landed at Objective Saints April 5 and delivered one Spartan soldier killed in action and three injured to the Forward Surgical Team.

The soldiers had been battling Iraqi Republican Guard soldiers in the first U.S. ground attacks in Baghdad, lead by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

Names of the deceased and wounded are being held pending notification of next of kin.

The wounded soldiers were conscious, stabilized and transported to the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital unit at Talil Airfield in Southern Iraq for further medical care, according to 1st Lt. Autumn Leveridge, 555th Forward Support Team executive officer from Brazoria, Texas.

It's a long flight from the street fights of Baghdad to the 212th M.A.S.H., so wounded soldiers are first evacuated to the Forward Surgical Team to be stabilized, according to 26th Forward Support Battalion Surgeon Doctor (Capt.) Andrew Doyle from Silver Spring, Md.

Doctors, medics and soldiers ran to the helicopters, put the wounded soldiers on litters, and carried them to armored personnel carriers to be safely transported across a field and a street to the medics. The medics from the helicopters ran beside the litters and briefed them on the severity of the soldiers' wounds. Two Apache Longbows escorted the MEDEVAC helicopters for security and stayed in the area to further escort them to Talil.

The wounded soldiers had received medical aid on the battlefield. The doctors and medics checked and redressed the wounds, stabilized the soldiers where necessary, and talked to them to get information and calm them down.

"The first thing we want to do is stabilize them — check the airways," Leveridge said. "As XO, I want to get all the details — names etc., so if God forbid it comes to that (death), their family members can know the details, and so I can get further information for other doctors and medical personnel."

Spc. Breezi Aguilar, a C Co., 26th FSB medic from Melbourne, Fl., treated the wounded American soldiers and said they were the second most serious to be flown in, next to the three soldiers killed in action the night before.

"They all appear to be stable. The soldier with the gunshot wound seems OK too, but he'll need surgery."



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Spc. Breezi Aguilar, a 26th FSB medic; Spartan Doc, Capt. Robert Meadows; 26th FSB Surgeon; Doct. (Capt.) Andrew Doyle, stabilize a TF 1-64 soldier flown in from Baghdad April 5 at Objective Saints outside Al Mahmudiyah, Iraq.

At one point, Spartan Doc, Capt. Robert Meadows from Hinesville, Ga.; 123rd Signal Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Perkins from Gibson, Tenn.; Aguilar; and Doyle worked on a soldier in the shade outside the operating tent. Aguilar talked to him and said he was OK, giving his name, age and hometown. Perkins held the soldier's intravenous drip when the medics worked on him and said, "I'm just a helper — if you're not in the infantry, you're just a helper. Calming (a wounded soldier) is part of being a chaplain. I do hands on plus prayer, spiritual and physical — I don't separate."

The doctors, medics and soldiers calmly attended the wounded soldiers and stabilized them so they could be flown to the 212th. "To panic and create chaos will just make it worse — so we all just stay calm and do our jobs," Aguilar said of seeing real blood and bullet holes.

Leveridge said, "Yesterday we had a mortar come in here, but we didn't even think about it. We ignore all the chaos around and just work."

Doyle said, "I've been very impressed with our medics — this has been their first real thing."

"Families need to know we're taking care of their soldiers. Once we get them off the battlefield we will fix them and get them home — we haven't lost one yet."

Spartans control key terrain

Spc Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

NEAR AL MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq — Spartan soldiers secured Objective Saints April 3 — the intersections of Highways 1 and 8 near Al Mahmudiyah, Iraq, allowing them to control enemy movement and isolate Baghdad from the south before attacking it.

This was the first 2nd Brigade Combat Team mission to secure terrain and not just search and destroy enemy forces, according to Maj. Mike Peloquin, 10th Engineer Brigade S-3 from Rockville, Md.

The Brigade wasn't tasked by Division to take the terrain, but decided to do it to help accomplish its mission — search and destroy and isolate Baghdad, Peloquin said.

The 2nd BCT soldiers killed up to 400 Medina Division soldiers, captured approximately 65 enemy prisoners of war, destroyed 21 enemy tanks, four BMPs, two pieces of air defense artillery equipment, dozens of modified vehicles, and suffered light casualties themselves, according to Peloquin.

Meanwhile 1st Brigade soldiers fought Medina soldiers and seized Objective Peach — the bridge leading to the intersection, clearing the way for Task Force 1-15 soldiers (attached to 2nd Bde.) to attack and seize Saints. 3rd Battalion, 17th Engineer soldiers supported 1-15 soldiers by setting up roadblocks. "That's critical, it helps clear enemy positions and collect EPWs," explained Peloquin.

Task Force 1-64 soldiers supported the seizure of Saints by securing Highway 8 south of the intersection. Task Force 4-64 soldiers went east through Saints and established



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Norwegian journalists attached to 2nd BCT drive between a destroyed Iraqi technical vehicles April 3 in Al Yusufyah, past Objective Saints.

three blocking positions to prevent enemy soldiers from attempting to retake Saints. Task Force 3-15 soldiers were tasked with securing the

bridge (Peach) so 1st Bde. soldiers could move on and attack Objective Lions — Baghdad International Airport," Peloquin said.



Watch Your Lane ...

Staff Sergeant Mark Geiger

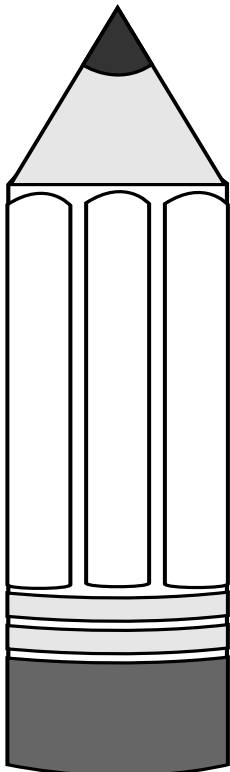
A Reserve Component soldier defends his position during validation training conducted by 4th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support), a 1st U.S. Army unit here. Since Sept. 11, 2001, 1st U.S. Army has mobilized more than 97,000 Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers and more than 2,100 units. First U.S. Army's area of responsibility includes 27 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

POLICE REPORTS

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Stewart

Family Fishing Rodeo

A Family Fishing Rodeo will be hosted by DCAS Outdoor Recreation, DPW Fish & Wildlife Branch and Georgia DNR 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, at Pond 10. The pond is located adjacent to Wilson Ave. and the Softball Field Complex, Northwest corner of the Garrison Area.

This event is free and open to all military children under the age of 16.

15th Street temporary change

Effective Monday, the traffic at the 15th Street Gate will be temporarily restricted to a single inbound lane. Outbound traffic must exit the installation through any of the other open gates. This restriction will last for approximately 30 days.

Learning center hours

The Main Education and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 respectively, will expand their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. Two temporary changes are in effect until further notice.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, will be available 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237 will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(OCS) Selection Board

The Officer Candidate School Selection Board is scheduled to be held in July.

For more information and criteria needed, call 767-1452 or 767- 5817.

Warrant officer board

HQDA has announced the Fiscal Year 2003 CW 3, 4 and 5 Promotion Board. The board is scheduled to meet April 29. The following are the zones of consideration for all grades:

- AV MOSs less 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997, and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997, through Sept. 30, 1998
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998, through Sept. 30, 1999
- Tech MOSs plus 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998, and earlier

- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998, through Sept. 30, 1999
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999, through Sept. 30, 2000

Officers who will be considered by this board in all zones of consideration should immediately schedule themselves for a new digital photo.

In addition to having the new digital photo posted to their files, officers will also receive two hard copies. These hard copy photos must be forwarded to PERSCOM in time for the promotion board.

For more information, call 767-3416 or 352-6296.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Fort Stewart the following learning centers, regardless of their specific unit. Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations or continuing education call the Main Education Center at 767-8331.

Delays on Highway 119

Georgia Highway 119 will be closed for training from approximately 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., May 4. The road will not be closed more than one hour at a time.

Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officers volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Both combat and non-combat MOS' may apply. To learn more about Special Forces attend a weekly briefing at Hunter at noon and 2 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Education Center or Fort Stewart at 10 a.m., 2 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Special Forces Recruiting Office Building 132. For more information, call 767-0229.

Bluegrass concert

If you enjoy bluegrass or country music, don't miss this special live performance of Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. This concert will begin at noon, April 30, at the Fort Stewart Commissary.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear this former country artist sing her award winning bluegrass.

Hunter

Hunter Recycling Center

The Hunter Recycling Center, Building 1412, is open. Blue recycling bins will be placed next to all trash dumpsters on post this weekend. Only recyclable materials should be placed in the recycling bins to reduce the processing time as it is hand sorted.

Military units should take all scrap metals to the recycling center. Call 352-5987 for more information.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program.

1st through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building. 1286.

Poker Run and party

The American Red Cross Savannah Chapter, Chatham Branch will hold its first Poker Run and Party, Sunday. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Harley-Davidson, Savannah, first bike out at 10 a.m., last bike out at 11 a.m. and last bike in at 1 p.m. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and worst hand. Rain date is set for April 26.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that

provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

Auto Craft Shop

Is your teen between age 13 and 15 and anxious to drive? Enroll them in a Beginners' Car Maintenance class, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays. This class is to help build their confidence and skill. Parents and children will learn to change oil, belts and tires together. This class is also available for individuals or small organizations. Must have at least three participants. For more information, contact the Hunter Auto Craft Shop.

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FRG Training

A Family Readiness Group Leaders Basic Training class will be held 1 p.m. April 23rd, at ACS.

Current and potential FRG leaders, advisors, unit reps, chaplains, S-1s, commanders, sergeants Major, first sergeants, rear detachment commanders and NCOs are all encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is a must, call 352-6816.

Financial Readiness

Financial readiness workshops available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at ACS.

Invest one day in this workshop, then watch your money go farther and your financial future get brighter.

All soldiers are required to attend this workshop during their first enlistment.

For more information, call 352-6816.

Winn Army Community Hospital

National Laboratory Week

In honor of National Laboratory Week April 20-26, Winn's lab will be offering free cholesterol screenings 9 a.m. to noon Monday in the lobby — tours of the lab will be available 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

“Take Care of Yourself”

The next Winn “Take Care of Yourself” class will be 2 to 3 p.m. April 23. Tuttle's classes will be 10 to 11 a.m. April 30. The class gives an overview of how to use the “Take Care of Yourself” book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle.

To register for the Winn class, call 370-5071. To register for the Tuttle class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

EFMP Enrollment Orientation

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be holding an enrollment orientation from 1:30 to 3 p.m. April 24 in Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Meet other families and learn about other community support services. For more information, call Jennie Pullings at 370-6505.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be held 5 p.m. May 1. The class is open to children ages 4 to 12 to help them prepare for the arrival of a new sibling. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco Cessations classes will be available at Winn 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday starting May 15. To register for the class, call 370-5071. The class will be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting May 7. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Bereavement Support Group

A Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. May 13 in Winn's chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661 or 370-6779.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is

for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

Tuttle Shuttle

Transportation to Winn Army Community Hospital from Tuttle Army Health Clinic is now available through the Tuttle Shuttle. The shuttle runs Monday through Friday. The pick-up point is the front desk.

Schedule:

Depart Tuttle at 7 a.m. - arrive at Winn at 8 a.m.; Depart Winn at 8:15 a.m. - arrive at Tuttle at 9:15 a.m.; Depart Tuttle at 9:30 p.m. - arrive at Winn at 10:30 p.m.; Depart Winn at 10:45 p.m. - arrive at Tuttle at 11:45 a.m.; Depart Tuttle 1:15 p.m. - arrive at Winn 2:15 p.m.; Depart Winn at 2:30 p.m. - arrive at Tuttle at 3:30 p.m.

TRICARE Hours

The TRICARE Service Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6015

Beginning May 1, the TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Regular hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. For more information, call 370-6015.

Active-duty Mental Exams

The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All patients with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen.

This exam is not a treatment evaluation. All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

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here, and you knew you were doing the right thing by being here. It made me feel good to know we're making a difference to 1,000s of people's lives."

Even now, as soldiers drive down the streets of Baghdad, civilians crowd the sidewalk to wave and cheer. Some from the crowd recognize the soldiers and wave excitedly, visibly showing their appreciation for the freedom from Saddam Hussein's regime American forces have begun to bestow upon them.

"You have freed the south, you have freed the north, you have freed Baghdad," an Iraqi told me in broken English. "You have freed all of Iraq, and now we are one and have nothing against each other."

Initially when forces rolled into Baghdad, the people were more timid and only peered at the soldiers with caution.

"I think they were scared of us, and they didn't know what our intentions were," Cline said. "They appear to realize our intentions are friendly, and they reply by waving."

Even though there is still fighting in Baghdad and shots ringing in the distance night and day, the Iraqis are no longer afraid to show their disgust toward Hussein and appreciation for America's fighting forces.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

The foot of an Iraqi civilian slams down on the face of former Iraqi leader Saddam Husein, demonstrating their disgust in the man and his regime.

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The gunner requests permission to ram the round. The section chief grants permission and the number 1 man rams the round into the gun tube.

"At this point, the gunner will say, 'charge 7 red bag ready to be verified.' I verify it and stick it in the tube. That's when the gunner will say, 'I see red to the rear. Witness marks the (white) line on the (gun tube),' Walker said. "Once he says that, I hit the lay button to lay on the target.

"Then he'll check the data (the lay light comes on). Once the lay light comes on, the gunner gives the green light and says, "OK, check good, chief." Once he says that, the number 1 man hits the primer, throws the primer in there and locks it. Then it's on me, bam."

"I prime it, slide our fire mechanism back, hook up the lanyard and wait for Staff Sgt. Walker to give me the command to fire," Rose said.

The Paladin is a lethal weapons system and has a high survivability rate. It has counter-fire capability, which means that if a unit is taking incoming rounds, the Howitzer crew can pick up on where the rounds are coming from and bear down on the enemy with steel rain. The maximum range of a round is whatever the charge is and the elevation of the tube.

Howitzer teams have several different types of rounds they can use to kill the

enemy. Sometimes a forward unit may call for illumination to shed some light on the battlefield; the team can fire an illumination round to brighten their night.

They can fire smoke rounds to provide cover for units or use rounds that have grenades in them. High explosive rounds are another alternative, but everything depends on what the observers call in and the data received from the FDC.

"The SAT Arms or tank killers are awesome. I set the time, shoot it, it splits and has two separate charges and is tracking as it comes down," Rose said. "It opens up at about 150 meters off the ground and it's seeking metal. Once it locks in, it shoots straight through the top of any armored vehicle."

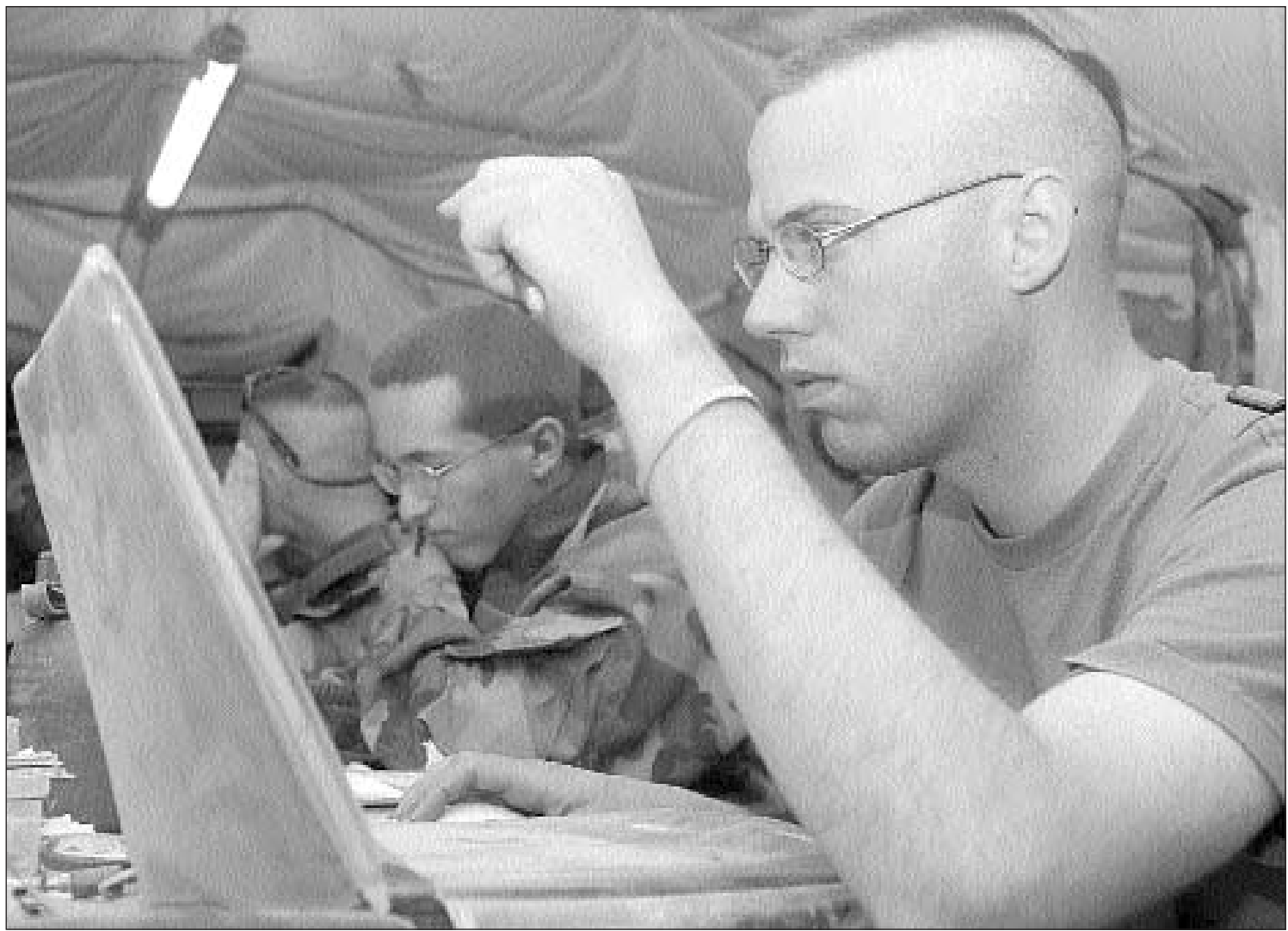
Paladins never travel alone, wherever they go, there is always a field artillery ammunition support vehicle with them. These vehicles carry rounds to rearm the guns when they shoot. The guns are never far from the FDC where it gets its fire missions either.

"Infantry is the queen of battle. We take care of them," Mason said.

"Once an infantry sergeant major asked me, 'what's the biggest bed they have?' The queen, I'll give him that. 'Who runs England?' The queen, he said.

"When you're playing chess, the game is over when you take what? The king. Game over, king of battle," Mason smiled."

4th Bde. takes to skies in Operation Iraqi Freedom



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

(Above) Spc. Robert Tilley, intelligence analyst, and 1st Lt. Sean A. Libby, 4th Brigade assistant intelligence officer, monitor a battle's progress from the brigade tactical operations center March 31.

(Left) A guidon belonging to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment sticks in the sand near Jalibah, in southern Iraq March 22. Elements of 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) took possession of an airfield near the town on the second day of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



(Above) Chap. (Maj.) Juan Crockett preaches to 4th Brigade soldiers during a worship service at a camp near An Najaf, Iraq, March 30.

(Right) A Blackhawk from the 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) flies to pick up a casualty. The red crosses on MEDEVAC helicopters are supposed to keep the enemy from shooting at them, but an Apache escort flies with them



(Above) Soldiers from HHC, 1-3 Aviation refuel a MEDEVAC helicopter at the FARP they set up at an airbase in southern Iraq. The FARP supplied more than 25,000 gallons of fuel to U.S. aircraft in their first 72 hours of operation.

(Left) Spc. Sammy Benson, and Staff Sgt. Marlon Freeman, stand guard outside the 4th Brigade tactical operations center near An Najaf, Iraq, March 31.



Soldiers unload an AH-64 Longbow Apache that flipped over near Jabar, Iraq, March 31. The pilots, Chief Warrant Officer Cathy Jarrell and Chief Warrant Officer Michael Carman, escaped uninjured.

Blackhawk crews save iraqi lives

Spc. Jacob Boyer
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

SOUTHERN IRAQ – Pilots and crew chiefs from A Co., 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment flew 16 Iraqi prisoners and civilians to urgent care during a casualty evacuation mission in Iraq April 4.

Two crews made two flights to carry the wounded from a casualty collection point to two separate locations, said Capt. Tory Burgess, commander, A Co., 2-3 Aviation.

“They took one group to a (forward arming and refueling point) near Objective Wayne,” said the Harrisburg, Pa., native. “From there they were flown to the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. The second group was dropped off with the forward surgical team attached to the 203rd Forward Support Battalion.”

The evacuation was the first one for both crews, and seeing civilians was not expected, said Spc. Joseph Higgins, crew chief, A Co., 2-3 Aviation.

“They mentioned (enemy prisoners of war), but we didn’t know there were going to be civilians,” said the Steger, Ill., native. “We landed at the collection point, and I didn’t see the casualties at first, so I went and found them and started directing them to the aircraft.”

The civilians included four children, three of whom suffered from gunshot wounds, Higgins said.

“On the second trip, there were two prisoners on litters, and we had a civilian family of six,” he said. “All of them were hurt. The kids all had gunshot wounds, and the father had been shot twice in the back.”

Higgins said seeing the children changed his perspective on the war.

“The kid I carried the first time was about my son’s age, and there was a girl about the same age as my daughter,” he said. “Seeing kids the same age as mine getting hurt is difficult, but it feels good to be able to get them to care. These are just people caught up in a conflict that could have been avoided if Saddam (Hussein) had played by the rules.”

“You feel bad about it,” said 1st Lt. Patrick Tooey, platoon leader, A Co., 2/3 Aviation. “It’s the unfortunate price of war, the collateral damage that goes along with it.”

Saving the lives of the enemy and civilians is “what separates our military from others,” said Tooey, a Tampa, Fl., native.

“It’s never good to have noncombatant casualties,” he said. “But getting them airlifted to be taken care of makes you feel good about what you’re doing.”

The soldiers of A Co. have participated in a variety of operations in support of United States forces engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Burgess said. In addition to casualty evacuation, the crews have been providing logistical re-supply to ground troops and “the full scope of general aviation operations,” he said.



Spc. Jacob Boyer
A UH-60 Blackhawk lands at a command post and FARP established north of Karbala by 4th Brigade April 2. A Co., 2-3 Aviation's helicopters have flown a variety of support missions ranging from re-supply to casualty evacuation.

4th Brigade soldiers set up forward command post

Spc. Jacob Boyer
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

KARBALA GAP, Iraq – Soldiers from 4th Brigade moved through the Karbala Gap just behind the 1st Brigade Combat Team April 2 to set up a forward command post for flight operations.

A convoy of more than 70 vehicles from 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade left Tactical Assembly Area Falcon in the morning hours of April 1 to start the 140 mile trek, said Maj. Mark Hannah, operations officer, 2/3 Aviation.

“We established a FARP at the new location and moved our brigade command and control closer to the battle,” said Hannah, a Belle Fourche, S.D., native. “We’re moving like stepping stones, you take one step at a time right up until we get to Baghdad.”

The convoy moved to a location just south of the gap on the first day, and then settled in to wait for 3rd Brigade to move through and secure the area, which was held by Iraq’s Medina Division, one of its Republican Guard units, Hannah said.

The solders woke to the sounds of artillery and Multiple Launch Rocket System fire at 1:30 a.m. before starting off on the second half of the trip. The route was secure by the time the brigade rolled through, as 1st Brigade handled any enemy forces encountered.

The convoy arrived at its destination ahead



Spc. Jacob Boyer
A pair of trucks from 603rd ASB move in a convoy through the desert north of Karbala. More than 70 vehicles from the Brigade convoyed through the Karbala Gap behind 1st Brigade April 2 to set up a tactical command post to support operations deep into Iraq.

of schedule, allowing the soldiers to set up the post and an eight-point Forward Arming and Refueling Point before darkness fell.

“I felt safer because they were securing the sites before we had to go through them,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Julie Moretto, a weather operator with 15th Air Support Operations squadron from Savannah, Ga.

Setting up the command post allowed the brigade’s helicopters to provide over watch as 1st Brigade crossed the Euphrates River, Hannah said. Apaches from 2nd Battalion, 6th Aviation Regiment, currently attached to 4th

Brigade, handled the mission.

“Our Apaches go out and sit there to make sure the bad guys don’t interfere with the river crossing,” he said. “We also provide command and control Blackhawks to run the air side of the battle up at the bridge.”

The solders went without much sleep throughout the journey, but were not apt to complain, said Capt. Konata Crumbly, intelligence officer, 2/3 Aviation.

“I don’t have to worry about them,” said the Fort Valley, Ga., native. “There is no word in the English language to describe what these

soldiers did in the amount of time they had to do it, and there were no complaints. People like to characterize the younger generation as whiners. I want those people to come out here for a day and do what these young soldiers are doing.”

Crumbly said the size of the operation was “amazing,” with thousands of vehicles from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) moving through the area.

“I’ve never seen this many vehicles in my life,” he said. “Seeing all of them moving forward is an awesome experience.”

D Co., 1/58 takes control of Baghdad skies

Spc. Jacob Boyer
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – As coalition forces moved into Baghdad in general and the Baghdad International Airport in particular, it was important that aircraft landing at and taking off from the airport were able to move about with as few problems as possible. Soldiers from D Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment moved into and took control of the tower at the airport to ensure pilots had help navigating increasingly crowded skies.

“We’re directly responsible for all aircraft entering and exiting the airspace around Baghdad International Airport,” said Staff Sgt. Andrew Lecuyer, air traffic control tower chief, D Co., 1/58 Aviation. “We make sure everything is de-conflicted.”

The first group of soldiers arrived with a convoy of vehicles from 4th Brigade at about 8 p.m. April 5, said the Fayetteville, N.C., native.

The following morning, they linked up with a small tactical team that had moved to the airport with 1st Brigade and began the task of moving their gear up 13 flights of stairs to the tower’s control center 140 feet from the ground.

The tower, like all the other buildings at Baghdad International, is without power, Lecuyer said. All of the gear had to be carried up and remoted from generators on the ground.

“None of the work has really been that hard,” said Spc. Montez Brown, air traffic control specialist. “But lugging all that stuff up the steps was rough. We had to carry up all the stuff we needed to work as well as our personal stuff. We only had daylight hours, because once it got dark we had to observe light discipline.”

Carrying things up the stairs is an ongoing task for the soldiers, said Spc. Sean Bailey, air traffic control specialist.

“Now that the operation is set up, we have to make sure this facility stays running,” said the Nobleboro, Maine, native. “It’s a lot of schlepping things up the stairs. We’ve got to carry all of our food and water up all those stairs. Up here, small problems can turn big really quick.”

While five soldiers work each eight-hour shift in the control center, the other 11 soldiers sleep one floor below, Lecuyer said.

The soldiers consider their work important, Lecuyer said. They are responsible for any traffic, ground or air that needs to move around the runway.

“We do everything from moving them on the ground to controlling them in the air,” said Brown, a Jacksonville, Fl., native. “If there’s someone out there, we let them know.



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Sgt. Andrew Lecuyer and Spc. Montez Brown keep track of radio traffic in the tower at Baghdad International Airport. D Co., 1/58 Aviation assumed control of the tower April 5 in order to keep control of coalition aircraft using the airport in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We’re like a second pair of eyes for them, making sure they’re safe when they’re out flying.”

Brown said he was “excited” to get to the tower. Most soldiers in the company considered it their final destination in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“It seemed like the war was a lot of waiting to get here,” he said. “Now everybody’s pretty happy. Some people have never been up in a real tower, so to say we controlled it, that’s

a pretty awesome operation.”

Lecuyer said the unit may have reached its final destination, but the work will be ongoing as more and more aircraft move to the airport, which will eventually be handed back to civilian authorities. Until then, it’s his soldiers’ job to watch coalition aviators’ backs.

“Typically, a pilot can’t see (behind him) when he’s flying,” Lecuyer said. “We’re here to do that for him.”

Abuse of children with disabilities

Special to The Frontline

Suzie, a 14-year-old girl, lives with her mother, father, and two brothers. She has profound mental retardation and disabilities, including seizure disorder and cerebral palsy. She requires assistance for all her daily living activities. When she was discovered to be five months pregnant her parents reported suspected child abuse. The perpetrator was never identified.

The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect released a study in November 1991 regarding abuse of children with disabilities. This study found that children with disabilities are abused at approximately twice the rate of children without disabilities (WESTAT, 1993).

Forms of abuse among children with disabilities include, multiple types of abuse with the same child, multiple perpetrators and multiple victims within a grouping of children.

The vast majority of the perpetrators are well known to the abuse victim. Perpetrators may include family members and/or service providers such as teachers, doctors, administrators, direct care providers, therapists and transportation providers.

Unfortunately, for children with severe disabilities, discovery of their abuse is usually dependent upon the emergence of incontrovertible physical signs such as, death, pregnancy, venereal disease, physical injury and/or obvious behavioral signs such as, sudden changes in behavior that re-enact the abuse.

Less obvious behavioral signs do not necessarily alert the untrained caregivers to possible abuse. Even more problematic is that

professionals providing services to children with disabilities have too often attributed clear signs of abuse to a disability. This oversight has left children in abusive situations, in some cases for several years.

In addition, many people have difficulty believing that children with disabilities can be victims of abuse and neglect. This misperception creates an exaggerated level of vulnerability, as children with disabilities, and their families, are not prepared psychologically, intellectually, or physically to resist or respond to abuse.

One woman, who has a severe disability, said that, "Until as an adult I was sexually abused, I never thought that persons with disabilities were rape victims. I'd never heard of it. Of course I know about sexual abuse, but it never occurred to me that people with disabilities were abused. I was so naïve."

Parents of children with disabilities often receive a lot of information about disabilities, child care, child development, and community resources, but are rarely prepared or trained in the subject of physical or sexual abuse or neglect.

While abuse prevention programs exist in various forms throughout the country, these are rarely offered to children with disabilities and their families and they are not always age appropriate, as when programs designed for younger children are presented to older children with disabilities.

Programs that are designed with the "No-Go-Tell" concept as their base are not, in general, useful for the child with a disability. These programs teach children to tell the potentially abusive adult, "No!" Then the child should go to someone they trust, and tell them about the

other adult's behavior. Telling an adult, "no," is difficult for any child; children with disabilities, however, may have even greater difficulty as they are usually taught to strongly respect the authority of almost any adult or person who is "in charge." In addition, most persons who abuse children with disabilities are in positions of trust, authority, and relationship with the children. Thus the ability to socially resist an abuse is diminished.

So, what does work? First, the parents and family members of children with disabilities should be informed that their children, like other children, are at risk. Frequently parents, and the children themselves, believe that due to the disability they cannot become abuse victims. Second, parents should talk directly to their children about abuse awareness, and develop a communication cue that will alert the parent that something has happened. Parents need to be empowered to take firm action to apprehend the identified perpetrator.

Unfortunately, in many cases a child cannot stop or avoid the abuse. In these cases, the child and parents must be encouraged to "do everything possible." Such a response can be empowering for both the child and the family, ameliorating the effects of the abuse itself.

In the past five years, awareness of the problem of abuse and neglect of children with disabilities has begun to increase. It is important to foster greater awareness of this issue. This can be done through comprehensive public awareness campaigns by adding a few critical facts to the generic child abuse awareness campaigns.

- Child abuse happens to children with disabilities.
- Child abuse and neglect can cause disabilities.

- Children with disabilities can resist abuse attempts when given information and skills development training.
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The problem of abuse of children with disabilities is a serious issue, but is still not largely recognized by service agencies. Prevention and abuse awareness programs need to include information about the heightened risk of abuse of children with disabilities.

CEREMONY

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of the fallen soldiers.

Chap. (Capt.) Mark Levine gave the invocation and benediction. He also read Psalm 23 at the service.

Chief Warrant Officer Brad McGarvey, aviator and Spc. Ian McCarthy, crew chief, performed a song, "A Soldier After All," that they had written in honor of their fallen comrades.

Tributes to the soldiers were given by Chief Warrant Officer Perry Wilds, company safety officer, Chief Warrant Officer Jon Levy, aviator, Spc. Josh Wofford, crew chief and Spc. Joseph Arteno, crew chief.

"Each one of these soldiers was a hero in life," Wilds said.

"They lived well and gave the ultimate sacrifice. Long after the hardships of this war are forgotten, each and every one of us will remember our friends because our lives were made better from having known them," he said.

Wofford read a letter he had written to Pederson.

"If I don't see you tomorrow or the next day, I want you to know that a person like you only comes around once in a lifetime," he said. "I love you and we all love you."

The ceremony ended after the last roll call was spoken, honors were given and Taps was played. Levine offered a prayer written by Mary Hamilton as the benediction.

"Lord, guard and guide the men who fly through the great spaces of the sky," he read. "Be with them transversing the air in darkening storms or sunshine fair."

Adamouski, a Springfield, Va., native, is survived by his wife, Meighan. Halverson, a Bennington, Vt., native, is survived by his parents. Jamar, a Granbury, Texas native, is survived by two sons, Trenton and Brennan. Smith, a Lake Placid, Fl., native is survived by his parents. Pederson, a Chicago native, is survived by his wife, Channel and his daughter, Destiny. Boule, a Dracut, Mass., is survived by his parents.

The aircraft went down after flying to recover an aircraft located south of Karbala and move it to the main battle area north of the city during the battle against the 14th Brigade of the Medina Division, Ferguson said. All six soldiers volunteered for the mission. As the crew flew back to a command post north of Karbala, contact was lost.

"I don't think we'll ever know what caused the crash," Ferguson said.

"We can't investigate accidents here as well as we can at home," he said.

SPEAR

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Stewart.

"The brigade has been a key part of the mobilization effort here," said Col. Larry Burch, 4th Brigade 87th Division (TS) commander.

According to Burch, 4th Brigade is currently training soldiers to support three major operations: Operation Noble Eagle in support of NORTHCOM, Operation Enduring Freedom in support of CENTCOM, and Operation Joint Guardian (KFOR 5A) in support of EUCOM.

The brigade's mission involves developing a training matrix based on each incoming unit's Mission Essential Task List. A typical matrix includes a variety of common tasks, including first aid, chem-bio defense, and ordnance identification. Units also receive training on METL-specific weapons, such as the M-16 rifle, M-203 grenade launcher and M-249 squad automatic weapon.

Training is the second of three phases in the mobilization process. First, units arrive at the Fort Stewart Mobilization Readiness Center and undergo in-processing for medical, dental, personnel, finance, legal, and family readiness. Once a unit has been validated, 4th Bde Observer-Controller Trainers begin conducting the required training. The final phase is equipment validation.

Mobilization support is not a Monday thru Friday job. Everyone involved in the process operates seven days a week. Describing how his soldiers have adapted to the increased operational tempo demanded by this mission, Burch said, "They've responded as professional soldiers do - with total mission commitment. The country is at war, and our nation requires its soldiers to fulfill the duties of our chosen profession."

Among the professionals at work with the 4th Brigade are more than 100 Reservists who were activated for this specific mission. According to Burch, they play an integral role.

"They have stepped up to the plate and understand that the Army is a results-based organization," he said. "It's one Army and one standard. There is no difference between active and Reserve Component soldiers. The brigade continues to work as a team to accomplish its mission."

By all accounts, the brigade is accomplishing its mission to the highest standards.

"Generally speaking, 4th Brigade can turn out a validation packet the day after



Staff Sgt. Paul M. McGuire

Sgt. 1st Class James DeBose, 3/306, 4th Bde., instructs soldiers on the proper technique for donning their chemical protective gear.

completion of the last portion of training - That's as good as anyone on post," said Maj. Odell Lewis, lead action officer with the Fort Stewart Mobilization Readiness Center. "We can't get the soldier readiness packets that quickly, and we certainly can't get the equipment validation packets that quickly."

Burch credited the Fort Stewart team with providing the essential support to enable his brigade to succeed.

"We have a 'good neighbor' relationship with the garrison," he said.

"When we identify a shortfall in equipment or soldier readiness, they are very

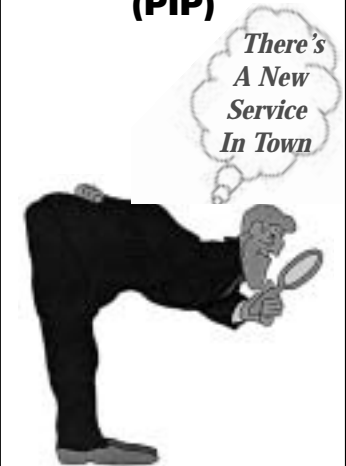
responsive to assist with any needs," he said.

The job of the 4th Brigade is also made easier by the fact that units arrive at the mobilization station ready to learn.

"They take this training very seriously," said Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon Lee, a trainer with the 3/306, 4th Brigade, 87th TSD. "Most units are very open-eyed and open-eared. They absorb everything. You see them writing it all down. They really want the knowledge."

"They always tell us, 'thank you for the good training,'" he said.

ATTENTION: Command and Soldiers PREVENTION INTERVENTION PROGRAM (PIP)



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Carey P. Sawyer, LMSW
Prevention Intervention Specialist
Phone: (912) 370-6100
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7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION:
Outpatient Psychiatry
Building 301, Harmon Ave.
Winn Army Community
Hospital, Exterior Building
(Adjacent to the
Emergency Room entrance
at the rear of the hospital)

The Prevention Intervention Program (PIP) is a secondary prevention program for at-risk soldiers who are vulnerable to the stresses that can lead to domestic violence and abuse.

**THIS IS A TOOL
AND A RESOURCE FOR
THE COMMAND!!!**

PIP differs from most other ACS programs in that it is an intervention designed primarily for soldiers and spouses, when appropriate; and secondarily for families if the violence has infiltrated the home.

Information and education on an ongoing basis to soldiers will enhance a person's ability to cope appropriately with anger and stress. This program will help the command assist their soldiers by identifying problems with anger and abuse BEFORE this becomes an issue in their jobs, in the field, and with their families. PIP is located at the Outpatient Psychiatric Department and referrals are channeled through command, Social Work Services, and health care professionals. PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

LIFE & TIMES

B SECTION

On Post

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone. For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 have expanded their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours until no longer needed.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237, will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for Special Olympics, Friday. To sign up, call 767-5058, 767-5059 or show up at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Stewart Quick Track on the day of the event. Volunteer orientation will be at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed the entire day to escort children to their events or for part of the day as cheerleaders for athletes. The games end about 3 p.m. Wearing walking shorts and tee-shirt or sweatshirt is recommended.

Fishing Rodeo

DCAS Outdoor Recreation, DPW Fish and Wildlife Branch and Georgia DNR will host a family fishing rodeo 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, at Pond 10, located adjacent to Wilson Avenue and the softball field complex.

This event is free and open to military children under age 16.

Prayer Warriors

The Fort Stewart Prayer Warriors meet 3 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Marne Chapel Conference Room. This prayer group is open to everyone, if you cannot make it, email your soldier's name and unit to caseybcraft@coastalnow.net and we will add them to our prayer list. No babysitting is provided, please bring a toy for your child.

Prayer service

The installation commander announces a weekly prayer service, noon to 12:20 p.m., Thursdays at Marne Chapel. It is a prayer time for Remembrance and Hope.

CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update.

For more information, call 767-2312.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Waiting Spouses learn self defense

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer

A room full of anxious spouses listened and learned techniques on how to defend themselves from danger while their loved ones are deployed.

The Waiting Spouses meet every Wednesday at the Army Community Service building from 11 a.m. to noon.

On April 9, the support group had an MP come in and show them some defense techniques that could save their lives. Master Sgt. Donald Lockhart, a military policeman reservist with the 304th MP Co. out of Bluefield, West Va., pretended to choke a demonstrator while showing the spectators ways to use their keys as a weapon.

They were taught techniques to help them in situations such as someone breaking into their bedrooms or someone even trying to take their wallets.

The group also helps to recognize those families that are in need while their soldiers are gone, and it helps to get them out of the house.

According to Linda McKnight, Family Service program manager with the ACS, the group serves as a stress escape route for many parents awaiting their spouse's returns.

"They can bring their children to meet and play with other kids while they participate in the activities and they also meet new people," said McKnight.

Kim Lanier, a Waiting Spouse and also the mother of five, including 18-month old triplets Bryan, Ryan and Destiny, says the meeting is a big way of stress relief for her.

Towards the end of the meeting, the spouses pull out there raffle tickets and hope that their numbers are called for prizes.

But still, with the demonstrations and the advice given by Lockhart, spouses still thought of some questions to help them in their everyday lives.

"What if I have my kids with me and someone tries to grab them and there is someone trying to grab me," one eager spouse asked the instructor.



Spc. Casandra Bolton

Master Sgt. Donald Lockhart, a Military Policeman with the 304th MP Co., Bluefield, West Va., demonstrates with participant, Martha Baier, on how to get out of a dangerous situation.

All eyebrows were raised as everyone waited patiently for the instructor to respond with an answer.

Lockhart simply told them to make sure they have a plan. He said their children should know what to do in such situations.

As Lockhart finished his explanation to the group, everyone just nodded in agreement as if he took the words right out of their mouths.

At the end of the meetings, toddlers conversed as the adults introduced themselves and mingled amongst each other.

The waiting spouses are not only for female spouses; males are more than welcome to attend the informative and supportive meetings.

After the meeting concluded, the spouses took home a bit of useful information and a little less stress than when they left their houses.

Parade honors troops

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

It was a busy day in Darien, Ga., April 5 as the town held its annual Blessing of the Fleet parade.

The Parade is held in order to bless the fishermen and "shrimpers" of McIntosh County, whose economy depends heavily on the seafood harvest, said Chuck Birbeck, street parade chairman.

"(We hold the blessing) so they can have a bountiful year," he said.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet and "it grows every year," said Birbeck.

Birbeck has been working on the parade committee for the past six years,

and he said it is always a hectic day.

This year's parade hosted more than 90 floats, horses, motorcycles and cars. Organizations, such as the Shriners, as well as church groups and youth groups also participated, he said.

Color guards from Fort Stewart as well as Col. Bernadette Peters, commander, troop command, were also honored.

"I get Fort Stewart involved every year," said Birbeck.

The parade began at 10 a.m. and ran through the center of town.

There was a little change in events from the usual festivities, Birbeck said.

"This year, we're not just blessing our fisherman, but honoring our troops."

(From left) Spc. Joshua Pszczolkowski, 2/7 Inf.; Sgt. Craig Nadeau, C Troop, 1st Cav.; Sgt. Arthur Barnes, 2/7 Inf.; and Pfc. Joel Fay, the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) provisional color guard at the Blessing of the Fleet parade in Darien, Ga.



Brittin Elementary students celebrate Earth Day

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Elementary school students at Fort Stewart got up close and personal with nature April 10.

This year's Earth Day theme was targeting post schools, said Anna Stager, environmental awareness and outreach coordinator for Environmental and Natural Resource Division.

"Each year we sponsor an on post activity for Earth Day," she said.

ENRD was not the only organization that sponsored stations, said Stager. Integrated Training Area Management set up two stations. ITAM is the organization that teaches soldiers about the environmental mission of Fort Stewart and how to synchronize that with training.

Students were given an Earth Day "passport," for the different displays and demonstrations. The different stations included lessons on Geographic Information Systems, a series of computers that use satellite images and aerial photographs to create maps; prescribed burning of the underbrush for Fort Stewart's Long-leaf pine forests, which makes for better training

ground and habitats for endangered species such as the Red Cockaded Woodpecker.

There were also lessons on the different endangered species and pine species at Fort Stewart, air and clean water, hazardous waste cleanup, archaeology and recycling.

Students had a sticker placed on the station in their passport upon completion.

When they had completed the whole tour, students received goody bags with posters and stickers, said Stager.

This program was designed to accomplish two main goals, she said.

"If you teach children, they'll be able to tell their parents ... and with the deployments, it's a good distraction."

Preparatory lessons on nature and the environment were given to the students in order to get ready them for such an immersion, said Vicki Byrne, teacher for gifted education and enrichment.

"They've been looking forward to this. This is an area that they are really enthusiastic about," she said.

Byrne too, is pleased with the move this year to target post schools.

703rd MSB Easter Fun ...



Spc. Casandra Bolton

The Easter Bunny tries to hold a young child at the 703rd Main Support Battalion's Annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Chelsea Rivera, 9, holds up a Box Turtle at the Brittin Elementary School Earth Day celebration.

"We have had a drastic cut in budget. The opportunity to have experts come here is about the only way for the children to get the experience," she said.

"Easter egg"-heads gather at Hunter



Easter bunny, Sand Gnat bring spring fun to children

Pfc. Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Bright blue skies and the smell of hot dogs cooking greeted those arriving at the Hunter Army Airfield Community Day festivities Saturday outside of the Army Community Service building.

Activities and special guests at the event included an Easter egg hunt (complete with the Easter Bunny), carnival rides such as the "Trampoline Thing" and a miniature plastic-ball pit reminiscent of Chuck E. Cheese's, a wildlife display, a fire truck and military police car for kids to "drive," "Sparkles" the clown, Gnic the Savannah Sand Gnat, door prizes, and much more.

The event began at 10 a.m. and lasted till 3 p.m., and people came in droves to enjoy a sunny, fun-filled day with family and friends.

"This is very good for the community, especially for children whose fathers are deployed," said Staff Sgt. Ervin Myers, a non-commissioned officer in Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command at Hunter. "My favorite part is the Easter egg hunt because I love little kids."

The egg hunt wasn't the only thing drawing the young ones in — everywhere you looked there were kids with clowns, kids with animals, kids in MP cars, kids bouncing up and down, kids running back and forth towing parents behind them — families certainly were keeping busy.

"It's very exciting," said Patrick Davie, brother of a Hunter soldier. "I was here last year, and it seems like there's a bigger turnout this year. This is a great event; I'm glad there's so many people here."

Photos by Pfc. Emily Danial

Samantha Dean, 5, sits still while Sprinkles, the assistant of Sparkles the clown, carefully paints a flower on her cheek.



11-month-old Denzel Cariucini examines the Easter Bunny carefully before deciding he is not a bad guy.



Gnic, the official mascot of the Savannah Sand Gnats baseball team, greets a young fan.



Anthony Randazzo, 7, gets an early start on his fire-truck-driving career.



Pvt. 2 Syreeta Johnson works hard to serve up refreshments to a hungry crowd.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What Kind of Diet Are You On?

Chap. (Maj.) Tim Bonner
751st Maintenance Battalion Chaplain

Several months ago I went to my doctor to discuss some minor health problems I was having. I thought my body was like a car in need of a tune-up; he said I needed a major overhaul. He told me my cholesterol was too high, I was overweight, I needed to get in better shape, and I had “early arthritis” in my knees. He said if things weren’t better in six months I might need to start taking medicine. Ouch! He sent me to therapy for my knees and a nutritionist for my diet. I listened to every word they said. I’ve lost nearly twenty pounds, my heart rate is lower, the knee pain is gone, I’m eating the right foods, and at age 42 I’m in the best shape of my life. This experience has been a wake-up call for me.

God has only given me one body, and if I want to live awhile and enjoy it, I’ve realized that I have to make some permanent lifestyle changes.

This experience has also reminded me of an important spiritual principle — our body isn’t the only part of us that needs to be on the right diet and exercise program. Our soul, the spiritual part of us, also needs to be nurtured for it to stay healthy. The Bible mentions at least five basic ingredients that are a part of every successful spiritual fitness program — Bible study, prayer, church attendance, tithing, and witnessing about our faith in God.

Here are some scriptures encouraging us to practice these spiritual disciplines:

- **Joshua 1:8** “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
- **Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- **Hebrews 10:25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.

• **Malachi 3:10** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

• **Acts 1:8** “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The perfect example we have of one who had a balanced spiritual diet was Jesus himself. Notice these examples from His ministry of Bible study, prayer, church attendance, tithing, and witnessing:

• **Matthew 4:7** Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ “

• **Matthew 26:39** He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

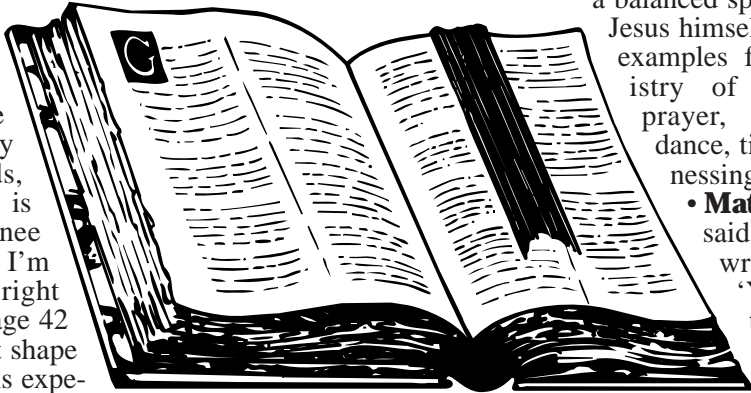
• **Luke 2:46** Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

• **Matthew 17:27** “Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for me and you.”

• **Luke 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, he expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

These spiritual disciplines are appropriate any time of year, but especially so during Lent, when those of us who are Christians try to place an extra emphasis on our spiritual lives. Bible study, prayer, church attendance, tithing, and witnessing are excellent practices to help us focus on God.

What kind of spiritual diet are you on-starvation, maintenance or one that will make you grow strong? Remember that we can only know God if we make an effort to get to know him, and that requires discipline on our part. **Jeremiah 29:13** reminds us that God says “you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”



Fort Stewart and Hunter Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Lent Soup Supper (Fridays of Lent)	Victory	6 p.m.
Stations of the Cross (Fridays of Lent)	Victory	7 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 17)	Victory	7 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy (April 18)	Victory	6 p.m.
Easter Vigil Celebration (April 19)	Victory	8:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass (April 20)	Victory	9 a.m.
Easter Sunday Mass (April 20)	Victory	7 p.m.
Lutheran		
Maundy Thursday Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Good Friday Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Easter Vigil	Marne	6 p.m.
Easter Vigil	Marne	9 a.m.
Ecumenical		
Easter Sunrise Service (April 20)	Marne Garden	6:30 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic	Location	Time
Good Friday Mass (April 18)	Hunter	5 p.m.
Easter Vigil (April 20)	Hunter	12:30 p.m.
Protestant		
Good Friday Service (April 18)	Hunter	11:30 a.m.
Ecumenical		
Easter Sunrise (April 20)	Hunter	6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast (April 20)	Hunter	Follows Service



Pet of the Week

Sasha is a 1 year old female Siamese mix. She is very friendly, playful and would make a great addition to any family. If interested in adopting a cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults. Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Road in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

• **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• **Liberty High golf match** is scheduled for Wednesday.

• **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled to begin in April and during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for Family Support Groups, Unit Activities or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobberty at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes will be available May 23. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Picnic areas

Picnic areas are available at Fort Stewart and Hunter. To reserve the picnic areas, call Outdoor Recreation Center at 767-8609.

The center also rents boats, trailers and kayaks, as well as small items such as cookers, pots and pans.

Troop Command Scramble

The Taylor's Creek Golf Course is now accepting pre-registration for the Troop Command Scramble for May 3.

You can register as an individual and the golf course staff will assign the player to a team or you may register as a team of four.

The event is open to anyone, the first 18 teams will be accepted. Registration begins at noon, shotgun starts, 1 p.m. The cost for this event is \$25 per player and Mulligans, \$5. Register by phone, 767-2370 or go to golf pro shop.

Therapeutic massage

Therapeutic massage is offered three times a week at Caro gym. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a deployment special for April and May, \$10 for 20 minute massage. To make an appointment, call 767-4763.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Army helps wrestler reach goals

Tim Hipps

USACFSC Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Army Female Athlete of the Year Pfc. Tina George knew she had to prove her wrestling family wrong at the 2002 World Championships.

Her closest supporters in the tight-knit community thought she made a wrestling mistake by joining the U.S. Army. They said basic training would hinder her on-mat training; that military demands would deter her evolution as a wrestler.

"The wrestling community didn't think I was taking my wrestling career seriously enough because I had joined the Army," recalled George, 24, who never placed higher than sixth in her first three trips to the World Wrestling Championships. "So that was my chance to prove a point that I was making the best move."

George, a five-time U.S. women's wrestling champion, made her point loudly and clearly by winning a silver medal in the 121-pound division of the 2002 World Wrestling Championships in Athens, Greece.

"I knew before I went in that I was making the right decision," said George, 24, a native of Cleveland. "Joining the Army isn't something that you just jump up and decide to do one morning. It was something I thought about and I knew without a doubt that it was the right move for me."

After attending the University of Minnesota at Morris for two years, George began training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, where she scrounged to live off a \$900 monthly training stipend.

"It was really hard to live off \$900 a month," she said. "It would be OK in any other city, but Colorado Springs is so expensive. I barely had enough money to take care of my day-to-day activities, like eating. I used all my money to move out here and I was eating oatmeal for two months. If I had a little extra money, I would buy some strawberries for my oatmeal. But it was a sacrifice that I felt like I had to make because this was my dream — to compete in the Olympics."

George also worked part time and studied chemistry at the University of Colorado. She plans to graduate this summer from Colorado Christian University with a degree in human resources. Competition travel took its toll on her chemistry labs.

While training at the OTC, George caught the eye of All-Army coach Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, who convinced Army officials to allow women to join his wrestling team in the Army World Class Athlete Program. In the meantime, George realized it was time to get serious about working for a living or giving up wrestling.

"I thought I might have to move back home and live with my parents to continue training," she said. "When coach Lewis first approached me, I really was more focused on finishing school because that was one of my primary goals, right up there with wrestling. I did not want to put my school plans on the side, but it got to a point where school was too expensive."

"And it was getting tough to ride a bicycle uphill to class after finishing my workouts."

The prospect of joining the Army suddenly seemed much more feasible. She became a soldier in October 2001 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., in March 2002.

"I was really excited about the opportunity to be in the Army, be a soldier, and still accomplish my goal in wrestling," George said. George began wrestling in 1996 during her junior year at Cleveland Heights High. She made the boys varsity squad and posted a record of "two and I don't even count." "To remember all the losses would depress me," she said with a laugh. "But those two wins were the whole world."

She wrestled against boys at 125 pounds. "Which is not typically where you see a female wrestling; they're usually at 103 or 112," George explained. "That's a big jump to be at that weight class because those guys are pretty strong when you get past 119. Those guys are monsters."

The soldiers at Fort Carson graciously welcomed George. "The Army wrestlers were exceptional about accepting me into their training program," she said. "Wrestling



Courtesy WCAP

Pfc. Tina George, right, 2002 Army Female Athlete of the Year, is a wrestler assigned to the Army World Class Athlete Program.

is predominantly a male sport and you cannot usually just walk into someone's training room. That's like walking into somebody's home. Being a female athlete, it is difficult sometimes to break in and to be accepted, but they didn't make a big deal out of it.

"If anybody did have any kind of reserved feelings, they kept them to themselves. Of course, if someone says women should be in the kitchen and not wrestling, I might turn around and break their neck."

George stands 5 feet tall and weighs 128 chiseled pounds. After taking nearly a year off the mat for Army Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, she defeated nemesis Stephanie Murata to win the U.S. World

Team Trials at Minneapolis, Minn., on July 21-23, and earned a trip to the World Championships in Greece.

At Worlds, George finally proved that she had made the right decision after forfeiting a year of competition.

"It made all the difference in the world for me to be in this program," she said of training with soldiers. "I would come in at 5:30 or 6 in the morning to lift weights and I would always have a partner. I would come in the middle of the afternoon, in between practices to work out, and I would always have a partner and I would have a coach. The difference is always having these resources and always having somebody in your corner who wants you to win."

Skin cancer prevention begins with you

Cindy Plan

Special to The Frontline

Skin cancer is by far the most prevalent of all cancers. About 800,000 new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year. More than 95 percent of these are basal-cell and squamous-cell carcinomas. They are highly treatable and rarely metastasize (spread to other parts of the body), but local tissue destruction may cause disfigurement or functional impairment if these tumors are not detected early.

Sun avoidance is the best defense against skin cancer. The primary cause of skin cancer is almost universally accepted by medical experts to be over-exposure to sunlight, especially when it results in sunburn and blistering. Tanning facilities are included in this category.

It is also thought that exposure at an early age is particularly damaging and irreversible. Prevention is a matter of guarding the skin against damage from unknown causes. If sun avoidance is not possible, using a sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15 and preferably 30 is recommended.

Early detection is the surest way to a cure. It is a simple routine to inspect your body for any skin changes. If growths, moles, sores or discolorations appear suddenly or begin to change, see your

health-care provider or dermatologist.

The American Cancer Society recommends monthly skin self-examinations for all adults and physician skin examination every three years in persons 20 to 39 years old and annually in persons more than 40 years old.

Basal-cell carcinoma

This tumor of the skin usually appears as a small, fleshy bump or nodule of the head, neck or hands. These seldom occur in dark-skinned persons. They are the most common skin cancers found in Caucasians. These tumors do not spread quickly and rarely metastasize to other parts of the body. They can, however, grow through any body tissue including bone. The cure rate for basal-cell cancers is 95 percent, when properly treated.

Squamous-cell carcinoma

This tumor appears as a crusty bump on the ears, face, lips, mouth or hands. It is the second most common type of skin cancer. Unlike basal-cell cancer, this can metastasize. The cure rate for squamous-cell cancers is 95 percent, when properly treated.

Malignant melanoma

This is the most serious form of skin cancer, affecting approximately 40,000 Americans annually. Every year, approximately 7,000 Americans will die from melanoma. The rate of these cancers

is rising rapidly. Melanoma may appear suddenly or in/near a mole or other dark spot on the skin. For that reason, it is important that we know the location and appearance of the moles on our bodies so that any change will be noticed.

Changes to be aware of in moles have been termed the "A-B-C-D's" of melanoma:

Asymmetry — one half does not match the other half.

Border irregularity — edges are ragged or blurred.

Color — different shades of brown/black, or red, white or blue.

Diameter — greater than 6 millimeters (the size of a pencil eraser).

Fortunately, skin cancers are relatively easy to detect and treat if caught early. Even melanoma, if caught in its early stages, is very curable. For any suspicious lesions, see your primary-care provider.

In summary, avoidance of sun exposure, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., the use of protective clothing such as shirts and hats when outdoors, and the use of sunscreens that block both UVA and UVB radiation, along with regular skin self-examination, are likely to reduce your risks of developing skin cancer.

For additional information, contact your primary-care provider or the Health Promotion Center at your local installation medical treatment facility.

Marne Scoreboard

Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center
Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch
Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact

Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch
Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Softball

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield
Intramural Softball

Team roster deadline for Intramural softball is Friday. It

is open to active duty, family members, national guard and reserves. A softball clinic is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., April 28 at Club Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Sports Officer. For more information, call Art Lewis at 767-8238 or 352-6749.

Soccer

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield
Intramural Soccer

Team roster deadline for Intramural Soccer is Friday. It is open to active duty, family members, national guard and reserves. A softball clinic is scheduled for 1:30

p.m., April 28 at Club Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Sports Officer. For more information, call Art Lewis at 767-8238 or 352-6749.

Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis

Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball League	May 3-June 26
Softball Tournament	July 7-10
Racquetball Tournament	June 14 & 15
Tennis League	June 9-26

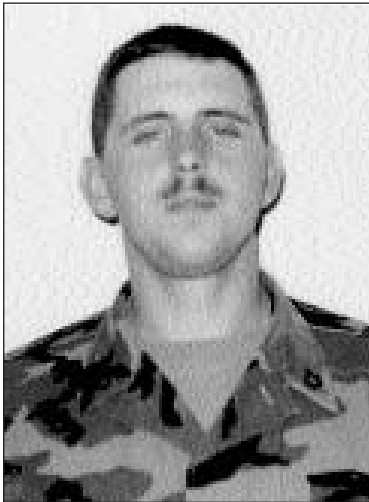
Got Scores? Contact the Frontline staff at 767-3440 or e-mail Frontline@stewart.army.mil.

Volunteer Spotlight



Pfc. Mervin R. Rice

Pfc. Mervin R. Rice, a native of Point Pleasant, W.Va., is an Army Community Service volunteer at Hunter Army Airfield. He is an active-duty floater and special events volunteer. He volunteers to show support to the Army community and support his wife, who is also a volunteer, in any way. “This makes me a better soldier,” Rice said. “The things I love most about volunteering is the friends I have made at ACS and the knowledge that I am a part of the extended family. I love helping out in any way possible,” he said. If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information,



WOODRUFF THEATER

April 17 — April 23

Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.



The Life of David Gale (R)

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Laura Linney
Tonight Free Showing at 7 p.m.
Dr. David Gale, a Texas professor and advocate for the elimination of the death penalty, is falsely accused and convicted of the rape and murder of another activist, Constance H Darroway and ends up on the state’s notorious death row himself.
Run time: 130 minutes

Old School (R)

Starring: Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell
Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Story of three guys in their early 30s, Mitch, Frank and Beanie, who try to relive their old college glory days by moving into a large house near their old campus. They inadvertently form an “unofficial fraternity,” where students can enjoy all the riches of the partying lifestyle without the commitment that comes with having to abide by the university’s fraternity rules.
Run time: 91 minutes

Daredevil (PG-13)

Starring: Ben Affleck, Michael Clarke Duncan
Saturday Free Showing at 7 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m.
Story of Matt Murdock, son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight, but gifted him with super powers.
Run time: 102 minutes

The Hunted (R)

Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Benicio del Toro
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Tommy Lee Jones is an FBI deep-woods tracker who captures an assassin who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. When the killer escapes in the city, he must team up with another agent to hunt down this thrill killer before he starts to hunt them.
Run time: 91 minutes

Free Showing
Thursday — The Life of David Gale
Saturday — Daredevil



Birth announcements

February 21
William McKayden Janes, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. William Janes and Melanie Janes.

March 17
Armani Jaytionna Garcia, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Alberto Garcia and Christina Garcia.

March 31
Imari Khalid Kellman, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Paul Kellman and Wendy Kellman.
Jeffery Thomas Emlund, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. James C.

Emlund and Tiffany R. Emlund.

April 1
Amaya Dorice Bland, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Dorice Bland and Pfc. Nicole Hall.
Ceiana Enajia Richardson, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Charles Eugene Richardson and Pfc. Gina Marie Richardson.

April 3
Anthony Treyshawn Robinson, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Jesse Robinson and TaKenya Robinson.
Nelson John Fernandez, a boy, 6

pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Nelson John Fernandez and Isis Lorena Fernandez.
Brian Edward Miller, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Edward Jay Miller and Ann Frances Miller.

April 4
Haven Elizabeth Moore, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Steven Lewis Moore and Kristen Collette Moore.
Jacob Thomas Talmadge, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Thomas Nathan Talmadge and Jewell Talmadge.

April 7
Luke Matthias Wolf, a boy, 7 pounds,

7 ounces, born to Capt. Richard Wolf and Theresa Wolf.
Kayla Danielle Hollis, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Daniel Francis Hollis III and Jennifer Diana Hollis.
Allison Paige Morrow, a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Robert Morrow and Tonya Morrow.

April 8
Ashley Marie Moore, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Shawn Moore and Jenny Moore.
Kase Gregory Frohmann, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Cpl. Gregory Frohmann and Karis Frohmann.